

AGENDA

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Room 30 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

- 2:00 1. Committee Business**
- Call to order and welcome
 - Approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting
- 2:05 2. Discussion of 2010 Interim Study Items**
The Legislative Management Committee has asked the committee chairs to submit a list of proposed study items for the 2010 interim. What should the Committee's study priorities be this year? The chairs welcome input from committee members on study priorities by returning the survey provided in the mailing.
- 2:20 3. Agriculture Sustainability and Water Banking Study Items**
At the request of the study item sponsor, these issues were included on the committee's study list. The study item sponsor will explain why this Committee should study these two items.
- Representative Jack R. Draxler
- 2:30 4. Utah Procurement Code Revisions**
The current version of the Utah Procurement Code was originally enacted in 1980. In 2000, the American Bar Association (ABA) approved a Model Procurement Code for State and Local Governments after a three-year effort to update the 1979 version. Recently, the Office of the Attorney General and the Division of Purchasing have established a working group to update Utah's Procurement Code using the 2000 ABA model as a starting point. Should the Utah Procurement Code be updated? What is the work plan and projected timing of the AG's working group? How should the Legislature respond to these issues?
- Alan S. Bachman, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
 - Kent Dee Beers, Director of Purchasing, Division of Purchasing and General Services, Department of Administrative Services
- 3:00 5. Election Code Changes Related to Federal Law Changes**
In October 2009, S.1415 - Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act was signed into law. This federal legislation amended the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted. How does Utah's Election Code need to be amended to conform with the new federal law? How should the Legislature respond to the issues identified?
- Emily R. Brown, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
 - Mark J. Thomas, Administrator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- 4:00 6. Municipal Elections With Unopposed Candidates**
Should a municipality be required to hold an election if a candidate is unopposed and the write-in period has expired? A write-in candidate must file a declaration of candidacy not later than 30 days before the election (See Utah Code Section 20A-9-601). Should the Election Code be amended to address

unopposed candidates in municipal elections? How should the Legislature respond to this issue?

- Victoria S. Ashby, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Mark J. Thomas, Administrator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

4:20 7. Open and Public Meeting Act Training

The Open and Public Meetings Act requires annual training on its provisions for members of a public body (See Utah Code Section 52-4-104). This training is provided in the spring of each year during interim committee meetings.

- Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

4:35 8. Other Items / Adjourn